

# Stewardship

3-24-2024

Holy Cross

## Holy Cross Weekly Income

Envelopes

Youth

Loose

Online Giving

Total

## Holy Cross Monthly Expenses-February

City of Townsend \$173.41

NorthWestern Energy \$647.92

Montana Energy Alliance \$2,594.15

Spectrum \$144.97

Flocknote \$36.00

Special K Plumbing and Heating \$400.00

One License \$425.00

## Cemetery

### Cemetery Weekly Income

Grave Sites

Short Term

Long Term

Open & Close Gravesite

Memorial

Total

### Cemetery Expenses-February

Please consider a memorial for your loved ones to the Holy Cross Cemetery instead of flowers.

THANK YOU!



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in His Sacrament of the Altar He is as present actually and really as my soul within my body, in His Sacrifice daily offered as really as once offered on the Cross;"

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### Pray for our Seminarians

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Dillon Armstrong, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, and Matt Keck

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

### Prayer Chain

Unless requested otherwise after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain:



Elaine Graveley, Bob Masolo, Fran Wright, Ed and Jean Boucher, Mary Alice Upton, Martin and Margy Clark, Clara Boster, Shanna Montonario, LaReissa Swenson, Jenny Schaubert, Kadence Saxton, Tom Grewell and family, Alex Bakken, Millie Sullivan, JL and Janet Jones, Vince Boster, Paulette Obrigewitch, Nicole Ito, John Clark, Lynette Swetye and Ryder. Monte Schnur

### Pop Quiz:

What are the three parts of the Rite of Confirmation?

1. The laying on of hands
2. The anointing with Chrism Oil
3. The Sign of Peace

On Palm Sunday, the priest can wear two types of vestments. What are they called?

The cope for the procession and the chasuble for the Mass.

According to the Gospels, what time of day did Jesus rise from the tomb?

Before dawn while it was still dark.

**Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected:**

#### Christian Burial:

Notice should be made with the priest before arrangements are made with the funeral director.

#### Social Hall:

Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events.

**Please call the office for information for any of the above notices: 406-266-4811.**



Easter Sunday

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mass: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a

Adoration: Monday 9:30a

### Weekend Schedule:

Confession: Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment

Mass: Sunday Mass 4:30p

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

# Holy Cross Parish

March 31, 2024

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## Basics of the Catholicism

### Easter!

Happy Easter everyone! I am taking a tangent from the basics of Catholicism series to emphasize Easter since we celebrate it today. Easter is the highest day of the year. Everything that Jesus did and taught is summarized in our celebration of Easter. His birth on Christmas Day only makes sense if we know that he came so that he may save us from our sins. His miracles and healings are only foreshadows of the incredible event of his Resurrection which brought healing to the whole world. His teaching in the synagogues or to his disciples point to and explain the fact that Jesus is going to rise from the dead. Everything in the entire life of Jesus, God's plan from the beginning of time, and our part in the that plan is summarized and makes sense because Jesus rose from the dead.

Our challenge is to make the Resurrection make sense in our lives. How do we live the fact of the Resurrection? How do we come to believe with more firmness that Jesus did rise from the dead? For most us, we could easily live our lives as though the Resurrection either didn't happen or was an event from ancient history. If we believe this, then our world is determined by our actions. We have to bring salvation to the world; we are responsible for everything; nothing exists beyond what we see, touch, hear, taste, and smell. The world is ultimately as meaningful as we want it to be and rather dark and hopeless. If, however, we believe that Jesus rose from the dead, then we know that the world is greater than what we see, taste, smell, feel, and hear. Heaven exists! Hope exists! The world is not bound by our actions and the consequences of our actions. We have hope for restoration, new life, and a belief in forgiveness.

But, how do we experience the Resurrection? We can easily feel these same ideas without knowing and believing that Jesus rose from the dead. Thus the challenge of Easter. Easter is not a day on the calendar or another holiday. Easter is a reality written into the fabric of the universe. Everything wants to be restored and brought to its fullness and so do we. The fact of being able to fully forgive and be forgiven is a sign of the Resurrection. The feeling of hope and faith is a sign of the Resurrection. The ability to see goodness in the world is a sign of the Resurrection. The more we seek out these realities, the more we will understand and believe in the Resurrection. Fortunately for us the Church gives us an entire season to focus on the Resurrection. We have 50 days to feel the power of this new life in our lives and build our belief that Jesus rose from the dead. Celebrate it! Live it! Come to know it as a fact that Jesus rose from the dead!

Fr. Cody

## Scripture Readings



Second Sunday of Easter

4-7-2024

Reading 1: Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm: 118:2-4,13-15,22-24  
Reading 2: 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 20:19-31



MASS	Schedule
Monday April 1	Mass 9a Adoration 9:30a No Catholicism 101
Tuesday April 2	Mass 9a
Wednesday April 3	No Mass
Thursday April 4	No Mass
Friday April 5	No Mass
Saturday April 6	Mass 9:20a
Sunday April 7	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family Parish Easter Party

All bulletin information requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and by email to

office@holycrossmt.org

Requests submitted by texts or calls can not be guaranteed

Bulletin deadline is Monday at 10a

TWO weeks in advance

### Ministry Schedule

Sunday April 14, 2024

4:30pm

Greet: John and Missy Rauser  
Lector: Mary Duede  
Gifts: Dan and Bernadette Swenson  
EM: John Bleile and Alex Estrada  
Money Counters: Bernadette Swenson and Sara Holmes

Mondays 7-8:30

The next topic is "Life in the Church" on Monday, April 8th. The notes are posted on the website and a livestream version is available. If you would like to join the livestream version, send an email to [frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org](mailto:frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org)

# Catholicism 101

Do you know someone who is interested in learning about Catholicism? Would you like to know your faith a little better? Then, this series is for you!

Mondays 7-8:30

Schedule of the topics on the bench in the entryway.

A livestream option for Catholicism 101 will be available on Mondays from 7-8:30 and on Thursdays from 6:30-8. Please invite your friends and family members who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

On the third Sunday of each month a blessing table will be set up in the entrance of the church. You are welcome to bring any objects of devotion that you would like blessed and Fr. Cody will bless them after Mass. This will be available each third Sunday of the month. Please keep all your items to be blessed with you until the end of Mass. Once Mass is ended, Fr. Cody will come to the entrance of the Church and bless any of the objects that are on the table. Those objects that are on the table belong to the people who want them blessed and are not free for the taking.

*Blessings*



Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, we will have Adoration and Confessions from 9 am to noon. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus who is present in bodily form in the Eucharist as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are welcome to come for as little or as much time as you wish. Resources will be available to help you pray and make the most of the time you have. I encourage everyone to come and use this opportunity.

Next Holy Hour April 27th

Save The Date  
for the Holy Cross

# Spring BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4th

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. We need everyone's help for this event to be a success



Hey kids, want some candy? Fr. Cody has a challenge for you. Using the bingo cards, once per Mass, if you recognize one of the words on the Bingo card from the Mass, show it to Fr. Cody and he will give you a stamp. If you get a bingo, you get candy. Bingo cards are available on the info table in the narthex.

**THANK YOU!**

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**\$1,421.83**

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# CREATED GOOD

## Townsend Community Family Night



DINNER PROVIDED

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Let's explore the goodness of our humanity through activities and events that focus on being created in God's image.

**When:** 1st Sunday of every month  
5:45-7:00 pm  
**Where:** Holy Cross Parish Center  
101 S. Walnut St.

~~Jan. 7th: Christmas Party~~  
~~Feb. 4th: What do I do with my life?~~  
~~March 3rd: What does it mean to be forgiven?~~  
April 7th: Easter Party  
May 5th: How do I make strong relationships?

### FREE EVENT



The Annual Catholic Appeal is in full swing. Our goal is to raise \$21,100 for the purpose of the Diocese, the parishes of the Diocese, and the mission of the Diocese. Please consider and make a donation to the ACA. We are currently at 80% of our goal with only \$4,140 remaining. If you have yet to donate for the good of our Diocesan church, please consider making a donation.



Book Sale: Karen Simonich is hosting a book sale on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. You are welcome to look through them and see if you are interested in any of them.

### Who would like to go on a pilgrimage?

I would like to lead a pilgrimage for any parishioners who would like to go. I would like your input. If you are interested in going on a pilgrimage, let me know which location you would prefer.

1. Rome and Italy
2. The Holy Land
3. Greece and Turkey to follow the route of St. Paul
4. Spain and the way of St. James
5. Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe
6. Wisconsin and the only approved Marian apparition in the US as well as the sites of the martyrs in the northeast.
7. Ireland

## Holy Cross Parish wishes you a blessed Easter!

Join us in celebrating the joy of Jesus's resurrection

### Easter Mass

Sunday, March 31, 2024

4:30 pm

Easter egg hunt to follow on the church lawn.

### Easter Party

Sunday, April 7, 2024

5:45—7:00 pm

Join us for food and games!  
All are welcome!

101 S. Walnut  
Townsend

QUILTING LADIES

# BABY BASKET DRIVE

COLLECTION SUNDAYS  
APRIL 7-28

The Quilting Ladies are creating Baby Gift Baskets for expecting mothers and new mothers in our community. The gift baskets will be filled with essential baby and mother needs as well as fun items for the babies. Please donate only the items listed below.

NEW ITEMS ONLY.

A collection box marked "Baby Basket Drive" is in the narthex during the month of April. Sunday April 28 is the last Sunday for collecting items for the baskets. We will present the Baby Baskets on Mother's Day.

### ITEMS WE'RE COLLECTING ARE: (New items only)

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| BABY BOTTLES     | BABY SPOONS            |
| SIPPY CUPS       | BIBS                   |
| BABY WIPES       | BABY HAND SANITIZER    |
| PETROLEUM JELLY  | NAIL CLIPPERS          |
| BABY BOARD BOOKS | SAFETY OUTLET PLUGS    |
| CHILDREN'S BOOK  | BABY BODY WASH         |
| BABY BATH TOYS   | BABY SHAMPOO           |
| RUBBER DUCK      | BABY BATH TOWELS       |
| PACIFIER         | DIAPERS (SIZE NB TO 2) |
| DIAPER CREAM     | THERMOMETER            |
| INFANT SOCKS     | TEETHING RINGS         |
| BAB WASHCLOTHS   | LAUNDRY BASKET         |
| BABY DISH SET    | ONESIES                |
| BABY LOTION      | GIFT CERTIFICATE       |
| BABY BLANKET     | GIFT CARDS             |



Matt & Jackie Redeagle would like to invite the parish family to join them in celebrating their baby girl coming! All are welcome! If you would like to bring a gift they have a gift registry at [babylist.com/matt-jackie-redeagle](http://babylist.com/matt-jackie-redeagle). April 20th Time: 3:30-5:30pm